

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-24 (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A jewelry kit comprising in combination: at least one jewel pouch, ~~according to claim 14, and a set of jewels comprising~~

a metal mesh dimensioned to hold a jewel therein, and  
a set of at least two jewels, each being capable of  
fitting into the mesh and having at least one visual characteristic different one from the other,

said mesh having a top opening and having a plurality  
of apertures, the largest aperture being smaller than said  
jewels;

a mesh carrying arrangement slidably attached to the  
mesh along the top opening,

wherein when one of said jewels is placed in the mesh,  
the mesh suspends from the mesh carrying arrangement and the  
weight of the jewel causes the mesh carrying arrangement to at  
least partially close the top opening of the mesh thereby  
securing the jewel therein, and said set of jewels.

26. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising in combination: a jewel pouch formed using a bottom ring for

closing a bottom end of the jewel pouch; engaged with, and extending upwardly from the bottom ring, a plurality of metal chain strands; each one of the chain strands joined to immediately adjacent ones of the chain strands by attachment rings at spaced-apart intervals, thereby forming a mesh sidewall of the jewel pouch with a plurality of apertures; a terminal upper end of each of the chain strands slidably engaged with a jewel support band having a clasp means for closing the jewel support band in a continuous loop; and a jewel held within the jewel pouch, wherein with the jewel pouch suspended from the jewel support band, the weight of the jewel is sufficient to cause the terminal upper ends of the strands to slide along the jewel support band into mutual adjacency for closing a top end of the jewel pouch for capturing the jewel therein.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 26, further comprising slider rings joining the terminal upper ends of the strands with the jewel support band.

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 27, further comprising a safety clasp engaged with at least two of the slider rings for securing the jewel pouch in a top closed attitude.

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the jewel support band is a necklace.

30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the jewel support band is one of a bracelet and an anklet.

31. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the jewel support band is an ear engaging means.

32. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the chain ~~strains~~ strands extend below the bottom ring as a fringe.